



May 19, 2017

Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair  
Representative Paul Holvey, Co-Chair  
Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Capitol Construction  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Support of SB 5530**

Co-Chair's Girod and Holvey and Committee Members;

The Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA) supports the 2017-19 Regional Solutions Teams and the projects they facilitate. OEDA is a statewide non-profit organization working to support economic development professionals who are on Oregon's front line in diversifying and expanding Oregon's economy. OEDA's membership includes a mix of public and private entities from economic development corporations, cities, utilities and other stakeholders interested in attracting investment here in Oregon.

A 2013 Governor's Executive Order Enacted by 2014 House Bill 4015 created Oregon's Regional Solutions Teams. These "One-Stop" centers help drive priority economic and community development strategies and initiatives at the local level, throughout Oregon. They assist both rural and urban/metro communities in coordination of state agency participation and solutions, help drive business, industry and workforce/education development projects and advocate for funding partnerships to accelerate community growth.

The request for \$11,000,000 dollars of State lottery bond proceeds will help Cities, Counties and Regions remove the barriers to development to create longer reaching sustainability, creating a richer, more prosperous Oregon.

Please support the lottery bond allocation request for RST's.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Freeman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chad Freeman  
Government Affairs Committee, Chair  
Oregon Economic Development Association